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SUBJECT: LOS: EASTERN PACIFIC FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY: MEETINGS WITH PANAMANIAN AND NICARAGUAN OFFICIALS REVEALED SUPPORT FOR US IDEA TO HOLD NEW YORK TUNA MEETING TO DEVELOP GENERAL LOS TUNA ARTICLE AND DETAILED AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES REGULATIONS FOR EASTERN PACIFIC. END SUMMARY

2. IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH PANAMANIAN COMMERCE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, TEAM HEADED BY AMBASSADOR THOMAS CLINGAN AND INCLUDING MORRIS BUSBY AND ROGER HULL, DISCUSSED PROPOSED TUNA MEETING IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER. AFTER AMBASSADOR CLINGAN OUTLINED REASONS FOR AND OBJECTIVES OF MEETING, GOP OFFICIALS WERE QUICK TO AGREE TO PRINCIPLE AND, SUBJECT TO FORMAL INVITATION, TO GOP PARTICIPATION. COMMERCE OFFICIALS ACTING FISHERIES MIN. AND IATTC COMM. OBARRIO WERE PARTICULARLY ENTHUSIASTIC, STATING THAT

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MEETING WAS QUOTE "SENSIBLE WAY TO GO" AND THAT IT WAS TIME,

FOR BOTH CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC REASONS, TO PROTECT TUNA. ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NO FIRM IDEA ON WHO SHOULD BE CHAIRMAN OF MEETING, GOP OFFICIALS STATED THAT QUOTE "PANAMA WILL NOT GO AGAINST REGIONAL CONSENSUS."

3. IN MANAGUA, TEAM MET SEPARATELY WITH HARRY BODAN, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DELEGATION FROM MINISTRY OF ECONOMY LED BY VICE MINISTER JULIO CESAR ALEGRIA. GON IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH APPROACH AND WILL ATTEND MEETING. SUBSTANTIVELY, GON INDICATED PLANS TO ENTER TUNA FISHERY AT SOME FUTURE TIME AND THUS IS VERY INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION OF THE STOCKS. VICE MINISTER BODAN INDICATED THAT GON WOULD HOPE N.Y. MEETING WOULD RESULT IN "CLEAR DISTINCTION" BETWEEN FISHING STATES AND COASTAL STATES AND WOULD RECOGNIZE THE POTENTIAL FISHING INTERESTS OF COASTAL STATES. GON IN AGREEMENT THAT ALL PRESENT MEMBERS OF IATTC, INCLUDING CANADA, FRANCE AND JAPAN, SHOULD ATTEND N.Y. MEETING ALTHOUGH IT FELT FISHING STATES MIGHT ULTIMATELY BETTER BE "CONSIDERED WITHIN BROADER REGIME".

4. COMMENT: GOP COMMERCE OFFICIALS WERE ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH VISIT SINCE THEY SEE TUNA MEETING BOTH AS MEANS OF SOLVING TROUBLESOME ISSUE (PANAMANIAN VESSEL WAS ALSO ARRESTED BY ECUADOR DURING RECENT SEIZURES EPISODE) AND AS WAY TO PLAY ROLE IN LOS DELIBERATIONS (COMMERCE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN LEFT OFF GOP CARACAS AND GENEVA DELEGATIONS). SHELTON

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